

Better Renter Move-In Checklist

- Read and understand your rental agreement and store a copy where it's easy to find in the future
- Schedule your move-in with the property manager or on-site management company
- Schedule all required utilities to be transferred into your name as of your move-in date
- Get keys, key fobs and any other items you need to access your home, parking, or on-site amenities
- Leave a spare key with a friend or relative in case you're ever locked out
- Make sure you know where you're supposed to park, and where guests should park
- Confirm you know where to dispose of trash and if you're required to put cans out on a specific day
- Find out where your mail will be delivered and get a mailbox key if necessary
- Find out where your electrical panel and water shutoffs are located in case of an emergency and for basic troubleshooting
- Get a renter's insurance policy to cover your personal belongings in case of damage or theft
- Perform a move-in inspection and video walk-through
- Test all appliances, electrical, plumbing, and heating & cooling systems
- Confirm that moving trucks have required access and parking permits, if necessary
- Ensure you know how to file a maintenance request and save the information for future use
- Purchase the cleaning supplies and products necessary to keep your home in good condition
- Purchase tools to address minor issues on your own, such as a toilet plunger and a hair snake for the bathtub or shower drain
- Review the list of appliance and systems Dos & Dont's found in the Better Renter Guide